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1. V. SHANKAR TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT THIS IDEA IS NOW IN THE DRAFT OF A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER THAT IS ON PM DESAI'S DESK FOR APPROVAL. APPARENTLY THE NOTION IS TO BE BROACHED IN BROAD, GENERAL TERMS, WITH THE DIFFICULT OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS TO BE WORKED OUT LATER AND COOPERATIVELY IF THE PRESIDENT APPROVES DESAI'S SUGGESTION IN PRINCIPLE. (COMMENT: MY AND SIR JOHN THOMSON'S EARLIER ADVICES TO SHANKAR ON THE NEED FOR A CLEARER AND FULLER DEFINTION OF BOTH ENDS AND MEANS APPARENTLY CARRIED CONFIDENTIAL

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LITTLE WEIGHT.)

2. SHANKAR ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT THEY CAN COME AROUND TO A POSITION THAT MAY SATISFY US. HE SAID HE WANTED THE JUDGMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT, HIGH-LEVEL PANEL OF SCIENTISTS TO BALANCE AGAINST SOME OF THE ADVICE THE GOI IS GETTING FROM ITS SCIENTISTS. HE THOUGHT THE FACT THAT THE PRO-

POSED COMMITTEE WOULD RESULT FROM AN INDIAN INITIATIVE WOULD MEAN THAT NO ONE COULD SAY ITS RESULTS WERE BEING IMPOSED ON INDIA BY EXTERNAL PARTIES AND THAT THIS WOULD AID PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF WHATEVER IT RECOMMENDED. FINALLY, HE REPEATED THE DESIRABILITY OF SOMEHOW GETTING AWAY FROM THE TERM "FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS", DESCRIBING IT THIS TIME AS HAVING TAKEN ON "AN UNPLEASANT ODOR" IN INDIA GOHEEN UNQUOTE VANCE

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